

**Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
MB Docket No. 04-233**

I submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the "NPRM"), released Jan. 24, 2008, in MB Docket No. 04-233.

Our local, listener supported, Christian radio stations mean a lot to myself and my family. We feel very strongly that the rights of these stations to air programming of their choosing should be protected. The proposals being presented could greatly compromise this freedom. I do not personally want to be forced to listen to only the agenda that a person or board of people allow to be aired, especially on a station that is solely listener supported. Also the idea of forcing a station to allow equal air time to anyone who might have personal opinions different from those being aired is in my opinion completely ridiculous. I know that I would not personally want to support a station that aired content I felt was against personal convictions I hold to. If this were to happen it could lead to the end this type of programming. I do not see how this proposal fits into the constitutional rights this country is founded on. I do not feel that it is the government's responsibility to regulate the speech that is allowed in this type of forum. It would be a scary place to live where you only heard what the government allowed to be broadcast. I also do not understand the need to force these stations to provide more staffing, maybe I'm missing the point of this, but I don't see the need for this. It again appears the government is trying to do too much thus taking away freedoms of smaller businesses trying to find a way to operate on small budgets. I ask that you please reconsider these proposals. Thank you for your time and opportunity to voice my concerns.